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1. AT CLOSE OF DECEMBER 17NAC SESSION, ACTING SYG PANSA REFERRED TO FOREIGN MINISTERS DISCUSSIONS (REF A) ON NUMBER OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEPOYED IN NATO. PANSA SAID THAT IN ORDER TO AVOID MISUNDERSTNADINGS ON SUBJECT VITAL TO NATO SECURITY, HE WISHED TO REMIND THE COUNCIL THAT NATOS NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE DEPLOYED FOR TWO DIFFERENT PURPOSES, BOTH OF WHICH REQUIRE ENTIRELY DIFFERENT NUMBERS OF WEAPONS. PANSA REFERRED TO PO/75/5 (REF B) IN WHICH SYG LUNS, IN COMMENTING ON THE NUNN NUCLEAR REPORT, NOTED THAT NATO STUDIES- AS FAR AS THEY HAD GONE- HAD INDICATED THAT THE NUMBER OF WEAPONS REQUIRED FOR USE IN SELECTIVE RELEASE WAS LESS THAN THE NUMBER OF WEAPONS DEPLOYED, WHILE SACEURS ESTIMATE OF WEAPONS REQUIREMENTS FOR GENERAL WAR WERE IN EXCESS OF THE NUMBERS CURRENTLY DEPLOYED.

2. PANSA REITERATED THE IMPORTANT DISTINCTION BETWEEN WEAPONS REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TWO DIFFERENT PURPOSES AND SUGGESTED THAT NATIONAL AUTHORITES BE REMINDED OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS.

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3. PANSA ALSO NOTED THAT SACEUR HAD THE ALLIANCES REQUIREMENTS FOR SPEICIFIC NUCLEAR DEPLOYMENTS UNDER CONTINUING REVIEW. BRUCE

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